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Dear Parents,

The snow has continued to cause great excitement this week! It has been wonderful to see the children playing in the snow and generally enjoying the fun of it! I like many others enjoy seeing the snow at the weekend - not particularly in the week! I expect we have seen the end of it for this year now.

Earlier this week the teachers from Hawkinge Primary School, The Churchill School, Cheriton Primary School and Selsted Primary School joined together for a staff meeting to moderate writing and share evidence how to demonstrate good progress is being made. The discussions teachers had were useful - it is always nice to see how other schools work and share ideas as to how we can all continue to improve our practice.

Miss Sotiriou's literacy class had a wonderful opportunity this week. They were invited to go to the Herne Bay Clock Tower and attend a writing workshop there. The stonemason gave the children a talk about the clock tower and then the children worked with an author to write and publish their very own book! The children decided to entitle the book 'Cheeky Chimps from Hawkinge' and they all appear as characters in the story. The author intends to visit the school next half term and bring the finished book with her. The children will have the opportunity to buy the book. Children, staff and adult helpers alike said the day was superb! We are hoping that we are invited back so another class can have the same experience.

This week Miss Milborrow ran a workshop for parents to demonstrate how we teach phonics at school. Thank you to all parents who attended. When I popped into the classroom it was full! Reading the comments parents left on the evaluation sheets the session was well received and parents left feeling more confident to help their children with phonics at home. Look out for a reading workshop and a maths workshop next term!

This afternoon is our termly 'Story Swap' afternoon. This means that teachers all swap classrooms and read stories to a different class. It is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to get to know other children in the school and for children to listen to different teachers read stories and talk about books. Please do ask your son / daughter about who came to visit their classroom and which book the adult shared.

There are still a few Pamper Evening tickets left for next Thursday evening - they will be on sale each morning before school and at 3pm. If you cannot make it to buy the tickets in person please give the school office a ring and we will try and help you out!

Have a lovely weekend,

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Dates for your diary

February

9th - E safety day
10th - Y56 Landing pad assembly 2:15pm
11th - Y34 class assembly - 2:15pm
12th - Y1&2 and Reception class assembly - 2:15pm
23rd - Start back at school
24th - Y5/6 trip

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.
School meals will be served from week 2
Menus are available on the school website
Go to About Us - Documents
As we are not at school on Friday - Thursday will be 'chip day' this week!

After School club

Don't forget that the After School Club will be open on Friday when the school is closed next week for a Teacher Training Day. There are still a few places left.
If you are interested in a place please call Tracey on 07905626461

The school will be closed for a staff training day on Friday 13th February & July 10th

Safer Internet Day 2015



Safer Internet Day this year is on Tuesday 10th February, although children will be completing a variety of activities over the course of that week. The theme for Safer Internet Day 2015 is 'Let's create a better internet together.'

More information can be found at www.saferinternetday.org

There is also a separate section especially for parents/carers: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>

Other e-safety information can be found on the school website: www.hawkingeprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum/e-safety

Attendance

The class with the best attendance last week was Libby Lord class (100%)

Red Nose Day

It is Red Nose Day on Friday 13th March. On that day we will not be having a non-uniform day but will be encouraging children to come into school wearing their red nose! Red noses will be sold at school for £1 between Monday 9th March and Friday 13th March, otherwise they are on sale in Sainsburys.

We are hoping that we have one of the 10 gold 'red noses' in our pack - that would be exciting!



Notice to Year 6 parents

Residential payments should be fully paid up by the end of March. Please do make a payment if money is outstanding.

Headlice

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend, there seems to be an outbreak of head lice in school. A good motto to follow is: **Every week - take a peek!** Below is a picture of the actual size of head lice in different stages of growth!!!!!!

